

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached sheet of drawings includes change to FIGs. 1D & 1E. This sheet replaces the original sheet.

Attachment:      Replacement sheet  
                         Annotated sheet showing changes

**REMARKS**

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for considering the pending application. The Office Action dated August 9, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1,2, 4-6, 8 and 27 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Currently claims 1-27 are pending and claims 11-26 have been withdrawn without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

The Office Action objects to claims 1 and 27 as being unclear. These claims have been amended accordingly. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

The Office Action also objects the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The attached replacement drawings overcome the objection to the drawings.

The Office Action rejects to claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 27 has been amended accordingly. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Applicant's Related Art (ARA).

Amended Claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a sixth conductive layers between and in contact with both the exposed portion of the third conductive layers and the fourth conductive layer, and between and in contact with both the first conductive layers and the fifth conductive layer, wherein the sixth conductive layers are formed in the first contact hole and in the contact hole of the first insulating layer".

ARA fails to teach this element. ARA, therefore, cannot anticipate claim 1. Claims 2-9 and 27 variously depend on claim 1 and thus are not anticipated by ARA for at least the same reason as claim 1. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.


Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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# **REPLACEMENT SHEET**

FIGs 1D & 1E



# **ANNOTATED SHEET** **SHOWING CHANGES**

FIGs 1D & 1E



FIG. 1D  
CONVENTIONAL ART

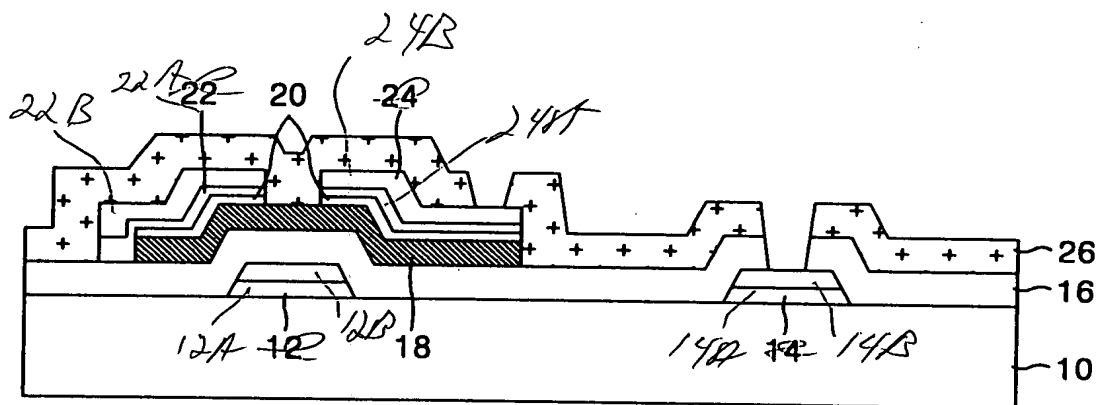


FIG. 1E  
CONVENTIONAL ART

